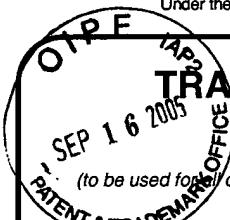


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RESPONSE

Sir:

This communication is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005.

Claims 19-21 of the present application stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the newly cited patent to Christiano et al., No. 6,139,179.

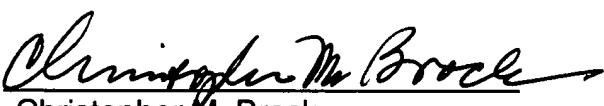
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outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is improper and should be withdrawn. As this is the only outstanding rejection, the present application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Additionally, applicant notes that the claim to foreign priority in this application has yet to be acknowledged in either the initial Office Action dated September 1, 2004 nor in the second Office Action dated August 19, 2005. Correction is respectfully solicited.

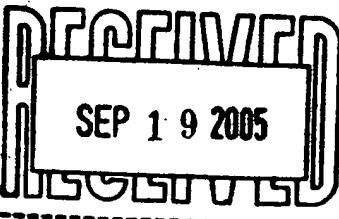
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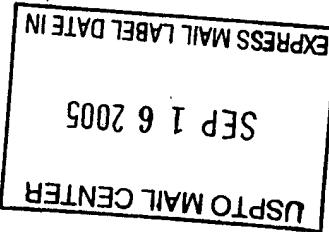
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